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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER RULE 116

In Response to the Final Official Action, dated October 3, 2003, extended for two months to March 3, 2004, and is respectfully asked for a 2-Month Term Extension and the amount is to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 10-0100, small entity \$210.

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01 FC:2252 01 FC:2252 210.00 parlease amend this Application as follows:

With respect to claim 26, this claim sets forth three stations, and while the '900 patent may be considered to have three stations, no unfolding of the belt takes place between the second and third stations. The amendments effected to claim 26 are merely editorial changes and a portion from former claim 27 has been added to take care of adding a feature to the claim 26 which was not added to distinguish from the prior art but to add what the Examiner considers to be "essential elements."

It is noted that this is a Final Action, and the Examiner has been authorized to charge a two-months extension fee (small entity) in the amount of \$210.00 to our Deposit Account No. 10-0100, and if there are any further points outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully asked to call Applicant's attorney to do what is necessary to place this Application into condition for allowance.

Since this Application and Application Serial No. 10/204,365 are so closely related, the Examiner is respectfully asked to hold this Application in abeyance until the matter in Serial No. 10/204,365 is resolved.

Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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